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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1740**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Russell Howard Barton et al.  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 20, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.